NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CONFERENCE.

SECOND QUARTERLY REPORT

OF THE

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

OF

LATTER-DAY-SAINTS,

HELD IN

ST. ANN'S STREET CHAPEL, NOTTINGHAM,

ON THE

Twenty-ninth day of June, 1852.

HENRY SAVAGE, President. | JOHN WIGLEY, Secretary.
JOHN PYMM, Assistant.

1852.

No	BRANCHES.	PRESIDENTS	Elders.	Priests.	Teachers.	Deacons.	Removed.	Received.	Cut Off.	Baptized.	Dead.	Total.	Temple Fund. £	s.	d.	Perpetual Emigration Fund. £	s.	d.
1	Nottingham	J Wigley	8	3	4	6	5	9	14	4	1	214	3	10		2	10	4
2	New Radford	J. Ward.	4	2	6	3	6	5	5			89	2		10	1	1	
3	Ison Green	E. Stone	2	5	4	2	10	2	1	4		68	1	7			13	
4	Calverton	T. Lester	3	5	2	1		6	1			63	1	5		2		
5	Arnold	J. Anthony	5	1	3	2	4		2	2	1	85	1	12			11	1
6	Mansfield	T. Humphery	4	5	3	2	1		6	6		89	1	16			13	6
7	Sutton	J. Wilson	3	5	2	3	3	1	5	1		51	1				4	6
8	Eastwood	W. Cooper	3	3	4	3	1	2		2	1	47	1	2			8	8½
9	Heanor	B. Birch	3	4	4	1	1	1	5	3		44		16			3	6
10	New Brinsley	A. Nelson	2	6	2	2	4	1		6		37		10			7	
11	Mansfid. Woodhse.	J. Stapleton	3	2	3	2		2	1	11		44		11	6½		8	11
12	Hucknall	J. Astill	2	2	1	1	6		2	1		28		8	6		3	
13	Swanwick	T. Hemmingway	3	3	1	1				2		30		15			6	
14	Beeston	C. Soar	2	1	1		5		3	3		11		5	6			6
15	Basford	J. Bryan	2	2		1		1		1		9		4			3	6
16	Bulwell	A. Vicars	2	1								9		4			1	
			51	49	40	30	46	30	45	46	3	909	17	7	4½	9	15	0½

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MORNING MEETING.

Opened by Elder Henry Savage giving out the first hymn, "The morning breaks," &c.

Prayer, by Elder H. Savage.

1. Moved by Elder James Stones, seconded by Elder John Astill, "that Elder Savage take the presidency of this conference."

2. Elder H. Savage then arose, and said, I arise with pleasure to see so many smiling faces here this morning, and am glad to see you look so happy. We are met this morning to hear the report from the Presidents of the various Branches comprising this Conference, the Lord having called us to go forth and preach the Gospel of the Kingdom, calling on all people to repent and be baptized. And also, the duty of the saints in upholding the priesthood that God has raised, gathering to the mountain of Israel and building up Zion the City of our Lord, and may His spirit be with us for ever, even so, Amen.

AFTERNOON MEETING.

Opened by the choir singing the hymn on the eighty-first page, and prayer, by Elder James Stones.

Elder H. Savage then called on the Presidents of the Branches to give their report, and to give as correct an account as possible of the state of the Saints, and the prospect before them, without any fear; speaking the truth according to the will of the Lord.

Nottingham Branch. Elder John Wigley then arose and said, Brethren and Sisters, I feel happy in rising before you this afternoon, to speak on behalf of my branch. Satan has done what he could to divide the Saints, but by the power of the Lord he has been defeated, and his plans are overthrown; and now, the Saints are rejoicing in the Spirit of the Lord; and have commenced a prayer meeting on the Sunday morning at seven o'clock, and I find a good few are attending and enjoying the blessing of the Lord by so doing. A good feeling generally prevails, which I find through visiting the Saints from house to house; and my prayer is, that we may continue even to the end, Amen.

Radford Branch.—Elder James Ward arose and said, Brethren and Sisters, I rejoice to see the work of the Lord roll on, yet at the same time I feel pained at the luke-warmness of some of the Saints.

as we have thin meetings at times; yet there are a few that are doing well and working witb all their migbt to roll forth the work of the Lord, and to make known his will concerning tbe cbildren of men. I am sorry on the part of myself that I have been unahle, through my employment, to attend to my duty as I ought; hut circumstances have changed, I hope in the future I sball be better able to attend; which is the desire of my heart, even unto the end, Amen.

Hyson Green Branch.—Elder Enoch Stones arose and said, Brethren and Sisters, I bave pleasure in representing my branch. The Saints are in good condition, and going on well; and also the Priesthood. The word has only to he given and they are at their work, to a man. I pray that tbe work of the Lord may still go on, that His Spirit may be with us, and that His gifts may abound, even so, Amen.

Calverton Branch. Elder Tbomas Lester arose and said, Worthy President, we have some good Saints and but few bad ones; still tbere are some that appear to be dead branches, and unless they hring fortb fruit, we shall cut them off from the Church. Tbe Saints in general appear to have the spirit of gathering, and long for tbe time wben they shall leave Old Bahylon, to dwell witb the children of the Lord, in the msuntains of Zion. May it be the portion of us all, Amen.

Arnold Branch. Elder Edwin Spencer arose and said, I have to apologize for the absence of Elder James Antbony, he not heing ahle to attend. I find there are two classes of Saints; there are some good ones, and some not so good; and I believe it is not wise in keeping the bad ones on tbe hooks, to the injury of those who are good, and who wisb to do right, also, to the injury of the work at large. We are doing pretty well; we have good meetings; and tbougb we have not baptized many, I hope we shall do better the next quarter; which is my prayer, even so, Amen.

Mansfield Branch. Elder Thomas Humphrey arose and said, Beloved Saints, I feel to rejoice in representing my branch. There is unity througbout the hranch; we bave baptised a few, and I believe we shall haptize a few more very soon. There are good Saints in Mansfield, and they are helping to roll forth the work of the Lord; and the Lord has blest them, and will hless them; and my prayer is, that we may continue to do His will and be saved into his Celestial Kingdom, Amen.

Sutton Branch. Elder Joseph Wilson arose and said, Dear President, I feel it a privilege to stand up before such a congregation as the present. I can say like my bretbren before me, that there are

some good Saints, and some bad ones who have caused some trouble; still, I believe we shall do better in a while. I rejoice in the work of the Lord, and also in the change that has taken place in those that have fought against the work, but now are inquiring for the books, and seem desirous to obtain some knowledge of the work; and though we have baptised but a few, I hope we shall baptize more in the future; which is my prayer, Amen.

Eastwood Branch. Elder William Cooper arose and said, Beloved Saints and friends, my heart rejoices when I can meet so many of the Saints, I am never so happy as when I am with them; and I am proud to see the Emigration Fund roll on, for Satan is working hard to disturb the peace of the Saints, and they are suffering a great deal through poverty; but, I am glad to see the time drawing nigh, when we shall be called home. I feel that the work will roll on until it has accomplished what the Lord has designed: which is my prayer, Amen.

Heanor Branch. Elder Benjamin Birch arose and said, Dear President, Brothers, and Sisters, I know at this time a greater unity prevails amongst the Saints and Officers than ever. Those that will not do the will of the Lord we will cut off from the Church; the Saints are willing to support me in anything. I believe the time has come, for the work of the Lord to revive in our part of the vineyard, I feel assured that the work of the Lord will go on; we have baptized a few, and there a many that are halting between two opinions; I pray the Lord to bless them, that their eyes may be opened and that they may obey the gospel, even so, Amen.

New Brinsley Branch. Elder Aaron Nelson arose and said, Beloved President, I feel it a duty to arise and speak the truth, as regards our branch. We are enjoying ourselves and rejoicing in the Spirit of the Lord; even the gifts of the Holy Ghost. We have good meetings, they are well attended; and as regards the officers, they are willing to do anything when called on to do it; and my prayer is, that we may all run the race that is set before us, Amen.

Mansfield Woodhouse Branch. Elder Joseph Stapelton arose and said, Dear President, Brethren, and Sisters, I am happy to say that the Saints in Woodhouse, are in good spirits, the Officers as well as the Saints. The people hear us with patience, but still they are unwilling to be baptized; though we have baptized a few, and we intend by the help of the Lord, to get more; we are going from house to house with tracts, and the people are willing to read them, and may the Lord bless them, is my prayer, Amen.

Hucknall Torkard Branch. Elder John Astill arose and said'

Brethren and Sisters, I feel it a privilege to stand up here to represent my branch; I don't know that we have one that is in had standing; thougb we are not increasing, still we are a loving branch; we have heen out of doors to preach and many like to hear us, and I pray the Lord to bless them, Amen.

Swanwick Branch. Elder Thomas Hemmingway arose and said, Beloved Brethren and Sisters, since I have presided over tbis Branch love and unity has prevailed; though we bave not increased much, I believe we shall; and it is my desire to roll forth the work of the Lord; and I know the saints are united, and may the Lord bless them and me, that we may he saved at last, even so, Amen.

Beeston Branch. Elder Charles Soar arose and said, Beloved President, I began to think tbat some of the Saints are a little hit sleepy. I believe there has been a great deal of good done in Beeston; we have had a great deal of opposition to meet with, and we may not have been so wise as we migbt have been. We bave lost one place of worship, but I hope we shall soon get another; there are several ready to be haptized, may the Lord hless us for the future is my prayer, Amen.

Bulwell Branch. Elder Alfred Vickers arose and said, Brethren and Sisters, it gives me great pleasure to stand up to represent our branch, I can say they are true Saints of God; they have worked with all faitbfulness and boldness, and stood in the open air to hear the testimony. We still intend to preacb in the streets, while the people come to hear us; may the Lord crown our labour with success, is my prayer, Amen.

Basford Branch. Elder Joshua Bryau. Brothers and Sisters, I shall not detain you long. We bad seven members when I went to to preside over Basford branch, hut now we have nine; the spirit of unity is with us, and the Saints have horne a faithful testimony of the work of God. I believe we shall be able yet to get some good ones amongst us, which is my aim and ohject to win souls into the kingdom of God; and may the Lord bless me, with all his labourers, is my prayer, Amen.

Elder Henry Savage then arose and said, Brethren and Sisters, I know the report given by the Presidents is a correct one, of the state of the Branches; for I have heen round them and listened very attentively, so that I know they have stated properly.

It was then moved by Elder Charles Soar, seconded by James Stones, that we take up a collection for defraying the Conference expenses, which was done forthwith.

EVENING MEETING.

Opened by Elder H. Savage. Prayer, by Elder J. Bryan.
The following resolutions were put to the Meeting, and carried unanimously:—

1. That we sustain and uphold Brigham Young, as the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday-Saints, throughout the whole earth; and Willard Richards and Herber C. Kimball, as his Counsellers.

2. That we uphold and sustain the twelve Apostles as the travelling High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ, over all the earth.

3. That we uphold and sustain Samuel W. Richards, as President of the British Isle, in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday-Saints; and Levi Richards, as his Counseller.

4. That we take up a collection in every branch, on the first Sunday in August, towards defraying the Conference debt.

5. That we uphold and sustain Elder Henry Savage, as the President of the Nottinghamshire Conference.

6. That Elder James Stones be released from his present field of labour, and preside over Mansfield, Mansfield Woodhouse, and Sutton district.

7. That Benjamin Birch preside over Eastwood, Heanor, New Brinsley, and Swanwick district.

8. That Elder Enock Stones preside over Hyson Green and New Radford district.

9. That Elder William Archer preside over Hyson Green branch.

10. That the Conference Reports be printed.

Elder Savage then made some powerful remarks on the duty of the Saints in this land, and counselled them to pray for their deliverance, that it might speedily come; and the Officers their duty to warn all people of the judgments of God, that his pouring out upon the wicked, and the salvation that was prepared, which had great effect upon the Conference then assemhled, and joy of the Holy Ghost seemed to beem upon all the countenances of all present; and the chapel was filled to overflowing throughout the day. May the

blessing of heaven rest upon the Nottinghamshire Conference, even so, Amen.

The Conference was then adjourned to the 3rd of October, 1852

P.S. A Tea Meeting will be held on October 4th, in St Ann's Chapel, at half-past four o'clock.

A SONG OF ZION.

BEAUTIFUL Valley, City of Fame,
Thy beauties and glories I am striving to gain.
What sweet reflections appears to my mind,
When the Priesthood in Zion, Old Satan shall bind;
Where the meek shall receive their glorious reward,
And be blest with the power and light of the Lord;
I have sought many homes, but the dwelling for me,
Is beautiful Valley, the Home of the Free.

Beautiful Valley, joy of the earth,
Where the Saints shall rejoice amid music and mirth;
When the earth shall yield her richest perfume,
And mortal be changed to immortal bloom;
All thats lovely and good, I'll ascribe unto thee,
For the Lord he hath pointed out unto me:
I know no home, but the dwelling for me,
Is beautiful Valley, the Home of the Free.

JOHN WIGLEY.